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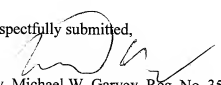
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A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. 254 is hereby requested to correct an error in the above-identified patent. Enclosed herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction (Form No. PTO-1050) for consideration, along with the appropriate documentation supporting the request for correction.

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We understand that a check is not required since the errors were on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office in printing the patent.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page:

Item (57), Abstract, , line 2: please insert --respectively--after the word "input"

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Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following new title:

--HEARING AID HAVING SELF-IDENTIFYING PERIPHERALS--

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

--~~The invention proposed a hearing~~ Hearing aid fitted with a central processing unit (1). ~~Said unit comprises~~ having peripherals (3E, 3A) at connected to its input and output resp respectively. Each peripheral comprises includes an identification unit (5) ~~of which the~~ having an output ~~is~~ connected to ~~the a first~~ input of a comparator (9). ~~The A second~~ input of the comparator ~~in turn~~ is connected with further to a read-only identification memory (11) containing identification capabilities ~~--- memories (11) --- and its~~ features of the peripherals. An output of the comparator drives a configuration memory (15). As a result, the hearing aid ~~is self-identifying~~ by means self-identifies its current configuration based on the identification of the peripherals.--

Attachment: Replacement sheet

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